

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. – 19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently amended) A method for forming a flexible thermoplastic polymer netting comprising simultaneously extruding a an inelastic polymer film having a base layer and at least on one face a plurality of integral strand structures, which strand structures extend in a first direction, cutting said formed film base layer in a second direction at an angle to said first direction at multiple coextensive cut lines substantially through the entire base layer without severing the strand structures so as to form a plurality of discrete cut portions, orienting said cut film at least in said first direction so as to separate said discrete cut portions forming a second set of parallel strands from the discrete cut portions and thereby orienting said integral inelastic strand structures.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Original) The method for forming a thermoplastic polymer netting of claim 20 wherein said film has extruded structures on said second face.

23. (Original) The method for forming a thermoplastic polymer netting of claim 22 wherein said structures on said second film face form stems on said second set of strands.

24. (Original) The method for forming a thermoplastic polymer netting of claim 20 further comprising stretching said second set of strands so that said second strands are oriented at an angle to said first direction.

25. (Currently amended) The method for forming a thermoplastic polymer netting of claim 23 wherein said stems form hook elements.

26. (Currently amended) The method for forming a thermoplastic polymer netting of claim 25 further comprising heat treating the hook elements following formation of the hook elements to alter the shape and or dimensions of the hook elements.

27. – 52. (Cancelled)

53. (Currently amended) A method for forming a thermoplastic polymer netting comprising simultaneously extruding a polymer film having a base layer and formed of a first thermoplastic resin layer and a second inelastic thermoplastic resin layer forming on one face of the film base layer forming a plurality of integral inelastic strand structures, which strand structures extend in a first direction, ~~cutting~~ slitting said formed film base layer in a second direction at an angle to said first direction at multiple coextensive cut lines substantially through the entire film base layer without severing the strand structures so as to form a plurality of discrete separable cut portions.

54. (Original) The method of claim 53 wherein the first thermoplastic resin layer is elastic and the method further includes the step of orienting said cut film in the first direction so as to separate said cut elastic portion forming an elastic netting.

55. (Canceled)

56. (Original) The method of claim 53 wherein said strands formed from a substantially second inelastic second layer.

57. (Original) The method for forming a thermoplastic polymer netting of claim 53 wherein said cutting of said film is through the entire film so as to form separate discrete second strands from said second set of strands.

58. (Original) The method for forming a thermoplastic polymer netting of claim 53 wherein said film has extruded structures on said second face.

59. (Original) The method for forming a thermoplastic polymer netting of claim 58 wherein said structures on said second film face form stems on said second set of strands.

60. (Original) The method for forming a thermoplastic polymer netting of claim 59 wherein said stems form hook elements.